

RECOGNIZING JACK DIMMER'S
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT
AND SERVICE TO THE PIERCE
COUNTY REGION OF WASH-
INGTON STATE

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jack Dimmer, a senior at Charles Wright Academy and recipient of the Honorable Fixed NGO award from Harvard National Model United Nations.

Founded in 1955, a decade after the United Nations was created; Harvard National Model United Nations is the largest, oldest, and most respected conference of its kind. Every year, it brings over 3,000 students and faculty together from around the world to simulate the United Nations. The program offers a unique opportunity to experience and work through the challenges of international negotiation and diplomacy.

Mr. Dimmer attended the Harvard National Model United Nations as a part of Charles Wright Academy's Model United Nations Club. The club requires students to comprehensively research, debate, and diplomatically negotiate a range of foreign policy issues. Mr. Dimmer received the Honorable Fixed NGO Award for his work representing a Seattle non-profit committed to addressing clean water issues around the world. Of the thousands of students in attendance, only one student is annually selected for the award.

Mr. Speaker, this is a significant honor for Mr. Dimmer. His dedication and acumen have garnered an invitation to represent the United States this summer in the All-American Model United Nations held in Beijing. There is no doubt that Mr. Dimmer will make our region proud with his proven dedication and skill.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Dimmer's commitment to service, and to his country, extends beyond his involvement with United Nations. The Honorable Norm Dicks nominated Mr. Dimmer to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point and he will begin his studies this fall. I am sure that Mr. Dimmer will continue to excel, achieve, and serve his country with honor and distinction.

As I close, I can say with confidence that Mr. Dimmer exemplifies the aspects of our national character for which we should be most proud. His hard work, commitment to service, and diplomatic negotiation and mediation serve as an inspiration to us all. I am pleased to recognize Mr. Dimmer today in the United States Congress.

CONGRATULATING THE MORAVIA
HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS'
BASKETBALL TEAM ON REACH-
ING THE NYSPPHAA CLASS C
STATE SEMI-FINALS

HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the Moravia High School Varsity Boys' Basketball team for their tremendous

season in reaching the NYSPPHAA Class C State Semi-Final. While they fell just short in overtime to Lake George in that game, I would like to commend each player for their hard work and team spirit all season.

Congratulations to Cole Johnson, Chase Walker, Chandler Benson, Cody Flick, Dylan Powers, Tyler Raner, Greg Horner, Brett Denman, Jared Lyon, Sam Allen, John Earl, Stephen Nemec, Dylan Haskell, John Patten, and Griffen Amos.

In addition, I would like to extend my congratulations to the head coach, Todd Mulvaney, to the assistant coaches, Brian Jackson, Pat Mott, Cory Langtry, and Chad Raner, and to the team managers, Carter Flick and Josh Cespedes. Finally, I wish to extend a special thanks to the parents, teachers and classmates who provided support and guidance to all the players. The Blue Devils finished their season with an impressive record of 23–3. Their success was driven by incredible work ethic and devotion to team.

Again, congratulations to the Moravia High School Varsity Boys' Basketball team. Go Blue Devils!

IN HONOR OF PRIVATE FIRST
CLASS ROYDEN L. "ROY" DIAZ

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Private First Class Royden L. "Roy" Diaz, who passed away on May 24th, 2013. Roy was the Salinas area's last Bataan Death March survivor and one of two remaining survivors from the 194th Tank Battalion. Of the 105-strong C Company, 194th Tank Battalion, only 47 men made it home alive. He and the other members of his unit are heroes and their great deeds should never be forgotten.

Roy was born to Ben and Ida Diaz on October 23, 1916, in Monterey County, California. A graduate of Salinas High School, he spent a significant portion of his time working on his family's ranch in the Salinas Valley.

Interested in earning a little extra money, Roy enlisted in 1936 in the California National Guard's 40th Divisional Tank Company, headquartered in Salinas. On February 2, 1941, Roy's tank company was activated for federal service and re-designated C Company, 194th Tank Battalion. After preparation and mobilization training, his unit was sent to the Philippine Islands on September 8, 1941.

Two months later, the Japanese forces launched overwhelming attacks against the defenses of the Philippine Islands. After fierce fighting and bloody battles, tens of thousands of American and Filipino soldiers were surrendered to the Japanese on April 9, 1942.

Roy and the other prisoners were forced to march for days in the scorching heat through the Philippine jungles. The Japanese guards chased off, bayoneted or shot any Filipino civilian who tried to give water or bits of food to the passing lines of prisoners. Those prisoners who fell-out were bayoneted, shot, or beaten to death. Thousands of soldiers died along the way. Others were wounded or killed when unmarked enemy ships transporting prisoners of war to Japan were sunk by U.S. air and naval forces. Those who survived faced brutal hard-

ships of the Japanese POW camps and, at one point, four hundred soldiers a day were dying.

By the time Japan surrendered and the U.S. Army liberated the Bataan Prisoners of War, two-thirds of the American prisoners had died in Japanese custody. Miraculously, Roy survived. He survived hardships that few have ever seen and even fewer can even imagine. After the Japanese surrendered and the prisoners were recovered, Roy returned to Salinas, California, for a short while working as a salesman for Glazer Brothers and then at Spreckels Sugar Company, but eventually went back to his family's livelihood—farming at his Corral de Tierra ranch where his parents raised him.

Roy loved life. He appreciated it more than most probably ever do. He loved hunting and fishing in the local area and in the Sierra Nevada area. He loved working in his garden and competed at the Monterey County Fair for his vegetable garden and sunflowers where he won many ribbons. He also loved dancing with his wife of 57 years, Lorraine and enjoyed their many trips to Reno, Nevada. He loved the California Rodeo where he met his wife at the Colmo Rodeo Parade.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues in the House of Representatives all join me in remembering one of the last Bataan Death March survivors, Roy Diaz, whose service to our country ensures that our American democracy and our freedoms remain as strong today as they were 70 years ago when Roy was a young Army soldier.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
MILLEDGEVILLE MISSILES SOFT-
BALL TEAM

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding results achieved by the Milledgeville Missiles against the Toledo Cumberland Pirates in the 1A Illinois state softball championship game on June 1st, 2013.

The game was a back and forth battle between two worthy opponents, which ultimately ended in a 5–4 rain-shortened victory this past Saturday. The Missiles struck first with a three-run homerun in the bottom of the first inning, staking Milledgeville to a 3–0 lead. Toledo Cumberland battled back for a 4–3 advantage, but the Missiles were resilient and were able to retake the lead 5–4 for the final time.

I congratulate the Missiles for winning the Illinois 1A state championship. This hard fought victory by Milledgeville gives the school its first state title in school history. The school and the entire community should be extremely proud of the effort put forth by Milledgeville, which concluded the season with a record of 28–3.

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of the Milledgeville softball team, both on and off the field, and I am honored to salute them today.